

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently Amended) A method comprising ~~the acts of:~~

(A) receiving at least one ~~durable good~~ first parameter ~~that is associated with a~~ transaction of a durable good at a future date, in which the durable good comprises ~~at least one of: an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance~~ a vehicle;

(B) generating a ~~durable good futures contract order~~ based on the at least one ~~durable good~~ first parameter;

(C) storing the ~~generated durable good futures contract order~~ in a database ~~with a plurality of other durable good futures contract orders;~~

(D) receiving a query comprising at least one ~~durable good query~~ second parameter;

(E) transmitting a plurality of ~~durable good futures contracts orders~~ in response to ~~satisfying~~ the query, in which each transmitted ~~durable good futures contract order~~ comprises at least one first parameter that matches the at least one ~~query~~ second parameter of the query;

receiving a request to select a contract from the plurality of transmitted contracts;
and

(F) ~~executing~~ generating a ~~durable good futures contract trader~~ an agreement to exchange ownership of the durable good associated with the selected contract at the future date, ~~in response to a user's selection of a durable good futures contract order from a plurality of durable good futures contract orders.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 2 ~~wherein~~, in which the ~~act~~ (A) ~~further comprises receiving parameters related~~ at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise at least ~~to~~ one of:

- (1) a category field,
- (2) a durable good details field,
- (3) a future contract period field, and

(4) a search query field.

4. Cancelled.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 3 ~~wherein the act (A)(2)~~ ~~comprises~~ 2, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise at least one of:

~~receiving~~ a definition for the durable good, a price for the durable good, and specifications for the durable good.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 3 ~~wherein the act (A)(3)~~ ~~comprises~~ 2, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise at least one of:

~~(i) receiving~~ a transfer of ownership date; and

~~(ii) receiving~~ an expiration date.

7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 6 ~~wherein the act (A)(3)(i)~~ ~~comprises~~ 2, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise:

~~receiving the~~ a date ~~in~~ at which ownership of the durable good is available for transfer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 6 ~~wherein the act (A)(3)(ii)~~ ~~comprises~~ 2, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise:

~~receiving the~~ a date ~~in~~ at which the ~~durable good futures~~ selected contract expires.

9-37. Cancelled.

38. (Currently Amended) ~~A system~~ An apparatus comprising:

~~a user computer configured to~~
a processor; and
a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 2.

~~(A) receive at least one durable good parameter that is associated with a transaction of a durable good at a future date, in which the durable good comprises at least one of: an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance;~~

~~a futures market server configured to:~~

~~(B) generate a durable good futures contract order based on the durable good parameter;~~

~~(C) store the generated durable good futures contract order in a database with a plurality of other durable good futures contract orders;~~

~~(D) receive a query comprising at least one durable good query parameter;~~

~~(E) transmit a plurality of durable good futures contracts orders in response to satisfying the query, in which each transmitted durable good futures contract order comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one query parameter; and~~

~~(F) execute a durable good futures contract trader agreement, in response to a user's selection of a durable good futures contract order from a plurality of durable good futures contract orders.~~

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus ~~defined in~~ of claim 38, ~~wherein~~ in which the ~~user computer configured to perform the act (A)~~ is further configured to receive ~~durable good parameters related to~~ at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise at least one of:

- (1) a category field,
- (2) a durable good details field,
- (3) a future contract period field, and
- (4) a search query field.

40. Cancelled.

41. (Currently Amended) The ~~system apparatus defined in~~ of claim 39 38 ~~wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(2) further comprises~~, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise ~~providing a seller with an ability to define~~ at least one of:

a name for the durable good, a price for the durable good, and specifications for the durable good.

42. (Currently Amended) The ~~system apparatus defined in~~ of claim 39 38 ~~wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(3) further comprises~~, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise ~~providing a seller with an ability to define~~ at least one of:

a transfer of ownership date and an expiration date.

43. (Currently Amended) The ~~system apparatus defined in~~ of claim [[42]] 38 ~~wherein the transfer of ownership date indicates the~~, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise:

a date ~~in~~ at which ownership of the durable good is available for transfer.

44. (Currently Amended) The ~~system apparatus defined in~~ of claim [[42]] 38 ~~wherein the expiration date indicates the~~, in which the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter comprise:

a date ~~in~~ at which the ~~durable good futures~~ selected contract expires.

45-73. Cancelled.

74. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 2 further comprising: ~~in which the durable good parameters are received~~

receiving the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter through a trading interface, in which the trading interface ~~comprising~~ comprises:

at least one form element for a user to specify ~~durable good parameters~~ the at least one first parameter and the at least one second parameter; and

at least one button selectable ~~for~~ by the user in order to ~~submitting~~ submit the at least one first ~~durable good~~ parameter and the at least one second parameter.

75. (Currently Amended) The method ~~defined in~~ of claim 2 further comprising: ~~wherein the futures contract trade~~

receiving an acceptance of the agreement ~~comprises at least one durable good future contract offer that has been accepted by the trader.~~

76-79. Cancelled.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the transaction comprises one of purchasing ~~or~~ and selling the durable good at the future date.

81. Cancelled.

82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 ~~, in which the act (E)~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

searching the database for at least one ~~durable good futures contract orders based on at least one durable good query parameter~~, in which the at least one contract comprises at least one first parameter that matches the at least one second parameter of the query.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 ~~, in which the act (E)~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

listing at least one ~~durable good futures contract order that~~, in which the at least one contract comprises at least one first parameter that matches the at least one ~~durable good query~~ second parameter of the query.

84. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[83]]~~ 2, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

receiving a request for information associated with at least one of the plurality of transmitted contracts; and

transmitting the information ~~pertaining to at least one transmitted durable good futures contract order in response to the user's inquiry.~~

85. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[83]] 2, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:
receiving a request to compare at least two of the plurality of transmitted contracts;
and
comparing the at least two of the plurality of transmitted ~~durable good futures~~ contracts ~~orders in response to the user's inquiry.~~

86. (Currently Amended) The ~~system defined in~~ apparatus of claim 38, in which the ~~durable good parameters are received~~ the processor further performs the method of claim 74.

~~through a trading interface, the trading interface comprising~~
~~at least one form element for a user to specify durable good parameters; and~~
~~at least one button selectable for submitting submit at least one durable good~~
~~parameter.~~

87. (Currently Amended) The ~~system defined in~~ apparatus of claim 38, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 75 ~~wherein the futures contract trade agreement comprises at least one durable good future contract offer that has been accepted by the trader.~~

88-91. Cancelled.

92. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 38, in which the transaction comprises one of purchasing ~~or~~ and selling the durable good at the future date.

93. Cancelled.

94. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 38 , in which the ~~futures market server configured to perform the act (E) is further configured to:~~ processor further performs the method of claim 82.

~~search the database for durable good futures contract orders based on at least one durable good query parameter.~~

95. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 38 , in which the ~~futures market server act (E) is further configured to:~~ processor further performs the method of claim 83.

~~list at least one durable good futures contract order that comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one durable good query parameter.~~

96. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~[[95]]~~ 38, in which the ~~futures market server is further configured to:~~ processor further performs the method of claim 84.

~~transmit information pertaining to at least one transmitted durable good futures contract order in response to the user's inquiry.~~

97. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~[[95]]~~ 38, in which the ~~futures market server is further configured to:~~ processor further performs the method of claim 85.

~~comparing at least two transmitted durable good futures contract orders in response to the user's inquiry.~~

98. (New) The method of claim 2, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of:
an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

99. (New) The method of claim 2, in which the at least one parameter comprises at least two of:

a category of the durable good, a name of the durable good, a description of the durable good, a first date at which ownership of the durable good is available for transfer, a

second date at which the contract expires, a price of the durable good that is designated by a seller of the durable good, and a value of the durable good at the second date.

100. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

generating a value of the durable good at a date at which ownership of the durable good is available.

101. (New) The method of claim 100, in which generating the value of the durable good further comprises:

evaluating a plurality of factors, in which the plurality of factors comprises at least one of: a demand for the durable good, an availability of the durable good in a marketplace, a category of the durable good, a type of the durable good, an age of the durable good and a condition of the durable good.

102. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

transmitting a plurality of terms associated with an execution of the agreement.

103. (New) The method of claim 102, in which the plurality of terms comprises at least one of:

a period of the agreement, a method of payment, a method of delivery, an amount of liquidity damage resulting from a breach of the agreement, and a fee associated with the amount of liquidity damage.

104. (New) The method of claim 102 further comprising:

receiving an acceptance of the plurality of terms; and
receiving an acceptance of the agreement.

105. (New) The method of claim 2, in which the agreement comprises an exchange of ownership in the durable good for a price, in which the durable good is associated with the selected contract.

106. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

delivering the durable good at the future date, in which the durable good is associated with the selected contract.

107. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of:
an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

108. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the at least one parameter comprises at least two of:

a category of the durable good, a name of the durable good, a description of the durable good, a first date at which ownership of the durable good is available, a second date at which the contract expires, a price of the durable good that is designated by a seller of the durable good, and a value of the durable good at the second date.

109. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 100.

110. (New) The apparatus of claim 109, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 101.

111. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 102.

112. (New) The apparatus of claim 111, in which the plurality of terms comprises at least one of:

a period of the agreement, a method of payment, a method of delivery, an amount of liquidity damage resulting from a breach of the agreement, and a fee associated with the amount of liquidity damage.

113. (New) The apparatus of claim 111, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 104.

114. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the agreement comprises an exchange of ownership in the durable good for a price, in which the durable good is associated with the selected contract.

115. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 106.

116. (New) An article of manufacture comprising:

a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by a processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claims 2.

117. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 74.

118. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 75.

119. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the transaction comprises one of purchasing and selling the durable good at the future date.

120. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 82.

121. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 83.

122. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 84.

123. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 85.

124. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of:

an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

125. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the at least one parameter comprises at least two of:

a category of the durable good, a name of the durable good, a description of the durable good, a first date at which ownership of the durable good is available, a second date at which the contract expires, a price of the durable good that is designated by a seller of the durable good, and a value of the durable good at the second date.

126. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 100.

127. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 126, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 101.

128. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 102.

129. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 128, in which the plurality of terms comprises at least one of:

a period of the agreement, a method of payment, a method of delivery, an amount of liquidity damage resulting from a breach of the agreement, and a fee associated with the amount of liquidity damage.

130. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 128, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 104.

131. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the agreement comprises an exchange of ownership in the durable good for a price, in which the durable good is associated with the selected contract.

132. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 106.

133. (New) A method comprising:

submitting a request comprising at least one first parameter associated with the transaction of a durable good at a time designated in the future, in which the durable good comprises a vehicle;

receiving a plurality of contracts in response to the request, in which each contract comprises at least one second parameter that matches with the at least one first parameter;

selecting a contract from the plurality of received contracts; and

receiving an agreement to exchange ownership in the durable good at the future date, in which the agreement is generated from the selected contract.

134. (New) The method of claim 133, in which the transaction comprises one of purchasing and selling the durable good at the future date.

135. (New) The method of claim 133, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of: an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

136. (New) The method of claim 133, in which one of the first parameter and the second parameter comprises at least one of:

a category of the durable good, a name of the durable good, a description of the durable good, a first date at which ownership of the durable good is available, a second date at which ownership of the durable good expires, and an estimation of a value of the durable good at the second date.

137. (New) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

receiving a plurality of terms associated with executing the agreement;
transmitting an acceptance of the plurality of terms; and
transmitting an acceptance of the agreement.

138. (New) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

transmitting a request for information associated with at least one of the plurality of transmitted contracts; and
receiving the information.

139. (New) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

transmitting a request to compare at least two of the plurality of transmitted contracts; and
receiving a comparison of the at least two of the plurality of transmitted contracts.

140. (New) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

receiving the durable good at the future date, in which the durable good is associated with the selected contract.